

Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Office

Update

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MINERALS MANAGEMENT

Corvus Gold Nevada North Bullfrog Exploration Project – The Project is located six miles northwest of Beatty. Preliminary results from exploration indicate favorable values and Corvus Gold Nevada is continuing their exploration.

Gemfield Resources Ltd. Gemfield Project - Metallic Goldfield has completed the majority of the required baseline studies for the proposed open pit mine about 1.5 miles north of Goldfield. Modifications to the PoO has not been are expected within the next seven to ten weeks. It is anticipated that the original PoO boundary of 1,918 acres and surface disturbance of 1,098 acres will remain the same. A public scoping meeting for this Project was conducted on January 10, 2014. Chapters One, Two and Three of the EIS are being drafted. The ground water model was completed and is being reviewed for results. Additional updates to baselines will be provided over the next ten weeks. The NEPA process will proceed once all updates have been received and accepted.

Round Mountain Gold Corp., Plan of Operations Amendment (Phase W) - Round Mtn. has proposed a modification to their current Plan of Operations that would include the expansion of the open pit. Baselines for the proposal are currently being conducted.

Kings Valley Minerals LLC — Kings Valley Minerals LLC is proposing to conduct exploration operations for potassium in the Clayton Valley area on approximately 25,440 acres. There will be 12 drill holes. Surface disturbance is estimated to be about 120 acres. Cost recovery has been determined and the TFO is waiting on the posting from Kings Valley.

Mineral Ridge Gold LLC, Mary LC Expansion Satellite Deposit Plan of Operations Amendment – Five miles north west of Silver Peak, Nevada Mineral Ridge Gold LLC proposes a series of changes to their existing Plan of Operations. MRG proposes to expand the heap leach pad and increase the size of the existing process pond capacity and include a toll ore area to receive off site material. Baseline studies are being conducted.

LANDS AND REALTY

Manhattan Road ROW - This project has been issued to Nye County and will start construction in the near future.

Silver Peak Road ROW – The office has issued a ROW to Esmeralda County for the Silver Peak Road from Highway 95 to Silver Peak. It is currently under construction.

Gold Point Land Sale - Esmeralda County has shown an interest in the purchase of the town of Gold Point. The sale of the Land is currently under the internal review process. A site visit by the WO team to conduct a validity exam was conducted. A meeting with SHPO was conducted and a cultural mitigation will be developed. The validity exam is in its final review process. BLM will be conducting a HAZMAT exam in the near future.

Beatty Bike Trails – The master plan has been reviewed and the Plan of Development is currently being developed.

RANGELAND MANAGEMENT

Beatty Springs—Five springs were approved during 2011 and three of the springs will be under construction during 2017. The USDA provided the designs for the springs and NDOW will be providing a contract for the development. It is anticipated that development will start in January or February.

Spring /Stream Fencing— The BLM worked with local permittees and others with water rights around nine spring sources within the Tonopah Field Office that are being heavily impacted by wild horses and burros. This project will protect spring heads while allowing water to be available for use of wildlife and livestock. This will help these areas recover and continue to provide water. One project was completed in February near the town of Goldfield in Nye County. The project has shown great progress. Once additional funding is provided and supplies have been acquired the remaining projects will be started at the appropriate time to not affect the horses or burros.

Range Land Health Assessments – Francisco, Smoky, Ralston, Stone Cabin, Reveille and Monitor allotments are being developed. After the signing of the Greater Sage Grouse Decision to amend the RMP reconsideration of the priorities of allotment to concentrate on are Little Fish Lake, Monitor and Fish Lake Valley allotments. This is due to GSG Priority Habitat and Bi-Stat Sage Grouse Habitat.

Wild Horse and Burro Program

Reveille HMA – The TFO is currently developing an EA so that a bait trap gather can be conducted. It is anticipated this gather will be conducted in the January to February timeframe.

Stone Cabin HMAs - The TFO is currently gathering horses in the Stone Cabin Complex using a contracted bait traps. The gather is estimated to take approximately three to five weeks. An adoption of the Stone Cabin horses is scheduled for September 24th. PZP will be administered to the mares prior to being released.

Inventory Flights – Flights are being scheduled for the southern regions of the TFO in conjunction with the Pahrump FO and Nellis AFB.

RECREATION

Pahrump through Beatty Off Road Race – The TFO and PFO are working together on a proposed Off Road Race that will be conducted during 2016. The race is proposed to be conducted from Pahrump through Beatty.

Rebelle Rally – Is proposing to conduct an off road, multi day event navigating using paper maps and compasses during October 13-22nd. The event will start in Lake Tahoe Nevada to Southern California and is an all women event. The application is being processed by multiple offices throughout Nevada and California.

Cultural

Rhyolite - TFO has requested for funding to stabilize three building to ensure safety and access to them for the enjoyment of the visitors. A team of SHPO, TFO and NPS restoration team visited the train station for the development of designs for the train station on May 6. NPS restoration team is in the process of developing the designs and cost estimates. A new brochure will be provided in the near future.

Fluid Minerals

Makoil INC., Soda Springs – Is proposing to develop a drill pad and drill one oil well in Railroad Valley approximately 120 miles north east of Tonopah. The EA is out for public comments until September 16, 2016.